

Norfolk Prevention Network

4/5/16 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Boone, Jr.	Archie	Communities In Schools, The Focus Center
Bright	Marlene	Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney, Community Collaboration Ctr
Callaghan	Jan	NDHS
Conwell	Adena	Communities in Schools
Copeland	Raymond	Boys & Girls Club
Flores	Madonna	NDHS/Reentry
Gordon	Donita	NPS/NCJ
Little	Sean	KCBH
Love	Deidre	Teens with a Purpose
Major	Lucy	NRHA
McCaffee	Brenda	CIS
McDonald	Dave	Mediation Center
Moore	Dennis	NPS
Myers	Pam	Bank On Norfolk
Scales	Theresa	Project Safe Neighborhood, OAG
Sparks	Claudia	NCSB
Torres	Alex	Norfolk CSU
Ware Avant	Shawn	EVMS/Loving Steps
Watterton	Ben	NDHS/Fatherhood
Wong	Pam	NDHS

Welcome and Introductions were made by Pam Wong and January minutes reviewed.

Public Awareness

The NPN webpage is up and running and remains a work in progress. Members were encouraged to visit and share feedback. As the NPN grows, the site will be a great opportunity to share information to partner agencies and families.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Pinwheels for Prevention campaign will kick off with Norfolk's first garden at City Hall, provided by Champions for Children. NDHS will distribute tool kits to NPN member agencies to create informational displays with resources to educate, support and strengthen families.

Substance Abuse Prevention

Claudia Sparks provided an overview of the Partnership for Success Grant, funded by SAMHSA. This is a wonderful opportunity for the NPN to collaborate to reduce opioid and heroin overdoses in Norfolk and to grow our coalition!

The NPN sent a team to the National Conference on Rx Drug & Opiate Abuse in Atlanta, GA. The issue is receiving national focus as the opiate epidemic spreads, with President Obama and

other national leaders speaking at the conference. Obama was cited as the “recovery president” based on his efforts for bringing awareness to the issue and recommending funding.

Opiates kill more Americans than car crashes. With an emphasis on prevention, treatment and recovery, NPN members shared insights from the conference on reducing the stigma of opiate and heroin use, increasing access to treatment, use of naloxone as an antagonist, drug take-back programs, as well as the need for comprehensive community change.

The PFS grant will focus on environmental strategies, with 12 cities in VA receiving awards. Ms. Kim Brown, consultant with Turnkey Associates will work closely with the NPN to strengthen the coalition and develop a strategic plan, starting with assessment in FY ‘17. Kim will attend an NPN meeting soon to provide an overview. Archie Boone will be the project lead. Stay tuned!

Announcements

Bank On classes start in April @ Pretlow, a 10 month financial literacy program with match savings.

Communities in Schools is hosting its 1st annual fundraiser, there are 8 sites in local schools, providing wrap around and supportive services to children and families. They are always looking for volunteers.

NRHA – grant to Young Terrace to address unemployment and poverty, education and career pathways for youth, partnering w/ Bank On and AARP, site based services out of Calvert Square, collaborative effort w/ local agency partners.

OAG – provides gang and gun violence educational workshops at local schools and in the community, Gang Awareness for Parents, summer programming, looking for sites/locations for presentations.

Community Collaboration Center hosting National Crime Victims’ Rights Week 4/16/16 @ Military Circle Mall, great opportunity for agencies to host table, contact Marlene.

Jan – able to help get the word out about events, community connections on the Forum.

NPS – Norfolk jail literacy, book clubs, outreach at the jail

Sheriff - free summer camp applications on line, ages 9-high school.

Boys & Girls Club serves kids, took 35 kids to Keystone trip, 11 clubs locally, work closely with teen directors.

Norfolk Re-entry Council Town Hall meeting on education and training 5/17/16 at Workforce Development Center, 10:30a, focus on selective service registration for returning citizens to reduce barriers to higher education, 5/20/16 next meeting.

Healthy Start/Loving Steps home based parent education and support, 60 men at Fatherhood Breakfast, 6/4/16 Fatherhood Summit, vendors welcome.

Mediation Center – also on Board at Y on Granby, 500 teens, 4/28 Teen Summit, coaches running group with Tidewater Striders, recruiting youth.

Fatherhood Development Group starts 4/6/16, still accepting registration, classes at jail, Ben Watterton.

KCBH-look for summer seminars i.e. gender identity, s/a, good resource for mental health 4-17 range of services,

NJDRCSU- emphasis on diversion, keeping younger kids out of the systems

NPS Student Support Services - Military child month, pre-K enrollment is open, ideas for school based programming is welcome, fielded by Student Support Services.

TWP – helping youth find their voice, safe place to express themselves, poetry and literacy program/ Here This, will be reaching out to connect youth to resources partner with police for mini camps, build relationships; summer camp at Vivian Mason Teen Center, year round free programming peer leadership, violence prevention efforts, emphasis on evidence based programming, Brave New Voices & Youth Poet Laureate, open to all youth.

CSB - suicide prevention planning 5/25 conference, reducing the stigma of mental health, youth event planning in progress, empowering youth to help one another.

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